



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All Sown Up

I just received the September/October issue and inhaled the article "Humane Backyard." After toying for a couple of years over what to do with an empty patch on the south side of our house, I have decided to turn the area into a bee/butterfly/hummingbird/bird haven and have ordered native plants beneficial to these creatures from Missouri Wildflower Nursery in Jefferson City, Mo. I can't wait to receive the plants and enjoy the wildlife! As a personal gardener, I'll be asking some of my clients to do the same.

— EDY GARRISON, OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

We Don't Horse Around

I always look forward to receiving your magazine but tentatively read the articles on the Tennessee walking horses and soring. It is so hard to accept that humans can be so cruel to horses. I was pleasantly surprised to read ("Healthy Strides," September/October) how far you have come in assisting legislators make the only humane laws that should be acceptable for these beautiful animals. It is obvious that your investigation into this industry is what aided these much-needed changes. Thank you for all the animals you help and watch over by trying to have the laws changed to protect them. This is why I am an HSUS member.

— CLAIRE DIBLE, SMITHTON, PENNSYLVANIA

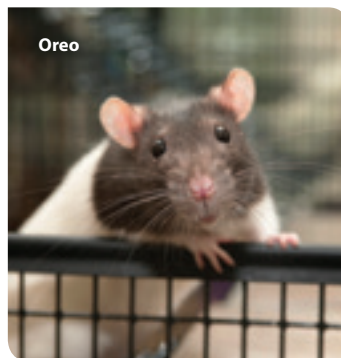
Veggie Thrills

As vegetarians of more than 45 years, we were delighted to read "Grill Thrills" (September/October 2013) about the Veggie Grill restaurant. We were also thrilled that The HSUS is a recent co-investor in the chain. We can hardly wait until one of the stores opens in New Mexico. What better place to have the Santa Fe Crispy Chickin' than in Santa Fe, N.M.?

— BOB AND DIXIE RAY, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

THIS ISSUE'S MUSE

Adopted from Maryland-based Small Angels Rescue by the son and daughter of *All Animals* senior writer Karen E. Lange, the nearsighted Sno-Ball is on the shy side and mostly enjoys sleeping in her hammock. But her sister Oreo is eager for adventure. When the cage is opened, she perches on the door's edge, then scampers up an extended arm, sometimes exploring inside a shirtsleeve. Playing on a bed, Oreo burrows beneath the covers or leaps for a nearby bookshelf, steering with an expert twist of her tail. It's the tail that makes some adult visitors shudder. But not kids. They break into smiles as she stretches forward to greet them—intelligent, gentle, and ready to play. To read more about this amazing species, turn to p. 40.



TWEET TWEET!

Talking all about the @HumaneSociety today in my Social Problems class. Love it! Animal abuse & neglect is a REAL issue to take seriously.

@TygerTheKing

When I read a story about HSUS rescuing dogs that were used to dogfight ... I wanna cry. HSUS are amazing people, I wanna do that!

@KellyRenee28

Loved seeing @trutriciahelfer in my @HumaneSociety magazine!! She is a true lover of animals.

@arlowe007

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WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

Our online fans told us how their pets came through in a crisis.

EMILY SANDSTROM Father Xanax, a laid-back friendly Great Pyrenees, turned into a roaring lion and threw himself against door and windows, leaving fur, because someone was trying to get into my house. I did not let him out.

MARTHA WALTEN 50 years ago, when I was a teenager, my parents were asleep in the early hours of the morning, and our pet cat jumped on my mother's chest and wouldn't stop bothering her till she woke up. The cat had my mother follow him to the first floor bedroom off the kitchen where two of my brothers were sleeping. Mom opened

the door and found my brothers almost unconscious from carbon monoxide. Spikey saved their lives, doubtlessly.

KYLA JONES Spencer, my fierce guard-pug, will put his head down and charge, snarling, at anyone who comes into the house that he doesn't know. He's never actually bitten anyone, and I'm not sure he'd do much damage if he did, with his age and remaining dentition, but he can be pretty intimidating. He's a big, thick-necked, broad-chested, seriously cobby pugboy, so he usually gets his point across.

CLARE REECE-GLORE I fostered a 2-year-old German shepherd for German shepherd rescue here in N.C. Day three I called them and told them he was home. A couple of years later I found I had a large cancerous tumor on my right kidney and had surgery. When I came home from the hospital Frodo glued himself to my bed and my side and had to be almost dragged out a

few times a day to walk or go out in the yard. If I walked the four steps to the bathroom, he was there. He would lie right by the bed so I could touch his head.

I have a wonderful family, and many lovely friends helped during that time, but there was something so comforting about that big calm GSD for me. About the 10th day I put on my tennis shoes and he looked at me, wagged his tail, and went out in the backyard and played for two hours.

KELLY AUTUMN My sweet Stella (may she rest in splendor) forced me awake as an intruder was opening my bedroom window!

DIANA TSANKOVA When I am tired or nervous, I snuggle our boxer Charhe and he gives me ease and the world is friendly again.

JOIN US ONLINE: Paul Shaffer (p. 38) says pet rescue is good for the soul. How has rescuing an animal made you a better person? Share your story at humanesociety.org/aafacebook.

SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT-OUTS

We are thrilled to be included in The Humane Society of the United States All Animals magazine. Thanks for all you do!!

— THE DIVINITY OF DOGS, VIA FACEBOOK

It's my four-month-old granddaughter, Maya Giron, "reading" the All Animals magazine. She loved all of the photos on the cover. Just had to share!

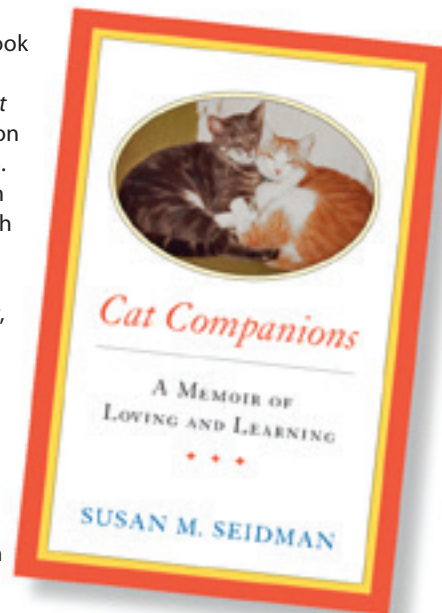
— BARBARA LANGSTON, VIA FLICKR



How Living With 21 Felines over the course of five decades has enriched one animal lover's life

Susan M. Seidman's earlier book about shelter animals, *THE PET SURPLUS—What Every Dog and Cat Owner Can Do to Help Reduce It*, won praise from humane professionals. Now, this vivid memoir of her own pets unites fond reminiscence with practical guidance for others. Her engaging tales of Supan, Harry, Felicia, Angela, Tim, Freddy, Cindy, Chico, Daisy, Toby and a dozen more may—or may not—remind you of cats you have known.

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